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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, PINS, GW
SUBJECT: BRANDT TV STATEMENT

THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT BY EX-CHANCELLOR BRANDT MADE ON TV THE EVENING OF MAY 8:

BEGIN TEXT: AFTER HAVING REPORTED TO MY PARTY'S EXECUTIVE BOARD, I TALK TO YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME TONIGHT RELIEVED OF THE DUTY OF OFFICIAL OFFICE. IN THE EVENING OF MAY 6, I INFORMED THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT OF MY RESIGNATION AND THUS ACCEPTED THE POLITICAL AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE GUILLAUME AFFAIR. IT WAS UP TO ME TO MAKE THIS DECISION. I RESIGNED OUT OF RESPECT FOR UNWRITTEN DEMOCRATIC RULES AND ALSO SO AS NOT TO PERMIT THE DESTRUCTION OF MY POLITICAL AND PERSONAL INTEGRITY. THIS STATEMENT CALLS FOR A WORD OF EXPLANATION.
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I CONSIDERED THIS MATTER FOR A LONG TIME AND CAME TO

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THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSION.

- NO MATTER WHAT COUNSEL WAS PROFFERED TO ME, I SHOULD NOT HAVE LET IT HAPPEN THAT DURING MY VACATION IN NORWAY IN THE SUMMER OF LAST YEAR, CLASSIFIED PAPERS PASSED THROUGH THE AGENT'S HANDS. THE SECURITY INTEREST OF OUR COUNTRY COMMANDS ME NOT TO SAY MORE IN THIS RESPECT. BUT I WARN AGAINST INCREASING THE DAMAGE BY INDISCRETION AND SPECULATION.

- ONE OF THE DECISIVE CONSIDERATIONS THAT MOTIVATED MY DECISION TO RESIGN WAS THE FACT THAT FOR SOME TIME I NO LONGER FELT SUFFICIENTLY UNPREJUDICED TO DEAL WITH CERTAIN POLICIES, WHEREBY I MEAH OUR RELATION-SHIP WITH THE GDR AND THE WARSAW PACT.

- THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT MY PRIVATE LIFE WAS TO BE DRAGGED INTO SPECULATION ABOUT THE ESPIONAGE CASE. WHATEVER MAY YET BE WRITTEN IN THIS RESPECT, IT IS, AND WILL REMAIN, A GROTESQUE NOTION THAT A GERMAN FEDERAL CHANCELLOR CAN BE BLACKMAILED. I, IN ANY CASE, CANNOT. I WILL REMAIN MY PARTY'S CHAIRMAN AND WILL COHTINUE TO WORK WITH ALL MY POWER FOR PROGRAMS THAT SERVE THE PEOPLE AND PEACE. END TEXT
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